

CHASE MUST BE PAID BEFORE SIGNING

Will Be a Member of Giants After He Gets His Money. Matty Won't Join Team.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—(Feature.) The New York club can proceed with the business of signing Matt Chase to play center field for the club, certain legal entanglements must be cleared away first.

Chase is a defendant in a suit brought by Chase for back salary.

John J. McGraw has returned from the west to not get an intermediary in this phase of the notorious controversy. When he left Cincinnati last Friday McGraw was clothed with authority to act for August Herrmann in a settlement of Chase's claims.

Until the players withdrew the suit and discharges the Cincinnati club from all obligations McGraw can not obtain this. Naturally he will speed up a settlement for Chase.

It is probable that Chase and McGraw will confer either today or tomorrow. Chase has been living here ever since he was suspended by the Cincinnati club.

He asserts that previous to Christy Mathewson's forcible denunciation of him at the Polo ground he had not drawn any salary for three weeks.

No Reason to Hold Money.

"There was no reason for holding back that money," says Chase, "except for the purpose of discouraging other players from coming to the club. I was not holding it for any other purpose."

"My suit for this unpaid salary and what would have been coming to me between the date of my suspension and the close of the season was filed in Cincinnati some time ago. It was an action entirely independent of that suit."

Remember, I was out of the payroll at a day's notice and after I had not drawn any salary for three weeks. Since then I have had no income and my expenses have been heavy."

Should Win Salary Claim.

Chase's acquittal by the National league last week should have been a triumph for him. So good a lawyer as John Conway Trole, counsel for the Cincinnati club, could find no evidence to convict Chase and the Cincinnati club had not drawn any salary for three weeks.

It is believed that Herrmann's only concern now is to have Chase "called off" and for that purpose he has selected McGraw, who wants Chase for the Giants. Probably the salary claim will be settled in full and Chase will let it go at that because he is seeking employment from McGraw and because McGraw gave favorable testimony for him at the hearing last week.

In any event Chase is in Cincinnati. Herrmann has already been presented with a new manager by McGraw and it is not likely that any other players will figure in the deal.

Later in the week McGraw will meet Christy Mathewson, the returning over-the-hill warrior, and break the news that Cincinnati has a new manager. Matty will be offered a berth with the Giants, but it is doubtful if he will accept it. Chase is to be a member of the team.

REDS TO WAXAHATCHIE.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 14.—President August Herrmann of the Cincinnati Nationals, late last night said the local team would do its spring training at Waxahatchie, Tex.

Dallas has been considered, but upon receipt of a telegram from the chamber of commerce of Waxahatchie last night saying the baseball grounds there would be put into condition, it was decided to train at the latter place.

DIXON WINS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 14.—Harvey Dixon, of Oregon, Mo., yesterday defeated Frank Troch, of Vancouver, B. C., in the 15th annual midwinter trapshooting tournament.

The men tied for first place with 154 targets each, and in shoot-off each got 24 of 25, the Missouri winning in the second shoot-off, 23 to 22.

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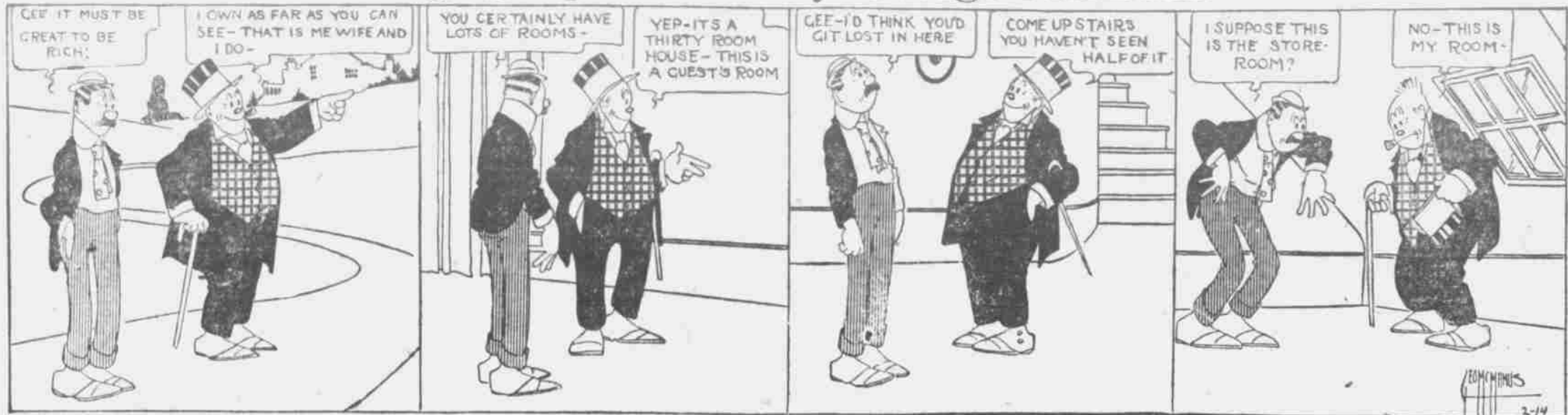
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The Sporting Spotlight

By Bob Pigue

SIX BALL PLAYERS—a half dozen raw—will be sought by Manager Cy Barger and Secretary Thomas R. Watkins, of the Tribe, when they go to New York next week to confer with Miller James Huggins, of the New York Yankees, relative to letting some talent for the 1919 Chicks.

Secretary-Treasurer Watkins will meet Cy in Louisville, where the home of the Tribe leader, and the pair will journey to the Big Town bent on securing some high-class athletes to don Chick war paint this season. The present plans are to secure six good men, which, if it goes through, will mean that a flock of the old-timers on the team will be missing when the curtain rises next May.

The Chicks officials are looking around for some place to dispose of some of the old birds, but other clubs are in the same vessel as the Tribe—they prefer youth themselves and do not care to carry any more of the vets this season than they can help. Just who the Chicks are going to let out is uncertain, for it all depends upon who Cy and Watson secure in Gotham.

There's going to be a wholesale chopping off of heads in Cincinnati, for there are 22 players on the Chicks' reserve list and fully a dozen of them will never again see the war paint and headfeathers of the Tribe.

HORRORS!

Uncle Sam has notified all discharged soldiers to take off their uniforms. Does this mean the wrist watches, too, Uncle?

Gentlemen, be seated. Now that the applause has subsided, we'd like to ask if it hurts a man when he falls in swivel. Mr. Sugarfoot Bones will now render that touching love ballad, "Father, Bring the Hand Grenade, There's a Cootie on Baby's Head."

SOMETHING LIKE IT.

A swimming fan falls in to ask what the guys in the majors this season have ever done. We can't supply him exactly, but our opinion is that some of the fellows in the majors this season would do well to get out of the way of U. S. depth charges.

The commander at Camp Grant says there'll be no Willard-Dempsey bout permitted at Camp Grant. Doubtless the colonel fears he wouldn't be able to hold his doughboys in the case of the unpopular Willard happened to slip over a haymaker on the popular Jack.

A team of Spanish ball players are coming to the U. S. When they get here they'll be introduced to Spanish flu.

Will Chase will play first base for the Chicks this season and will be careful about booting the ball, because he has just been whitewashed of charges of booting and throwing away the ball in another such smelly mixup.

PLENTY OF MATERIAL.

Fans inclined to roast the noble athletes in the majors this season will have plenty of material to work on. They can accuse Chase of throwing games, Fred Toney of being a draft dodger and innumerable others of being slackers.

Father and son week is a great little idea. However, the old man and offspring are already pretty well acquainted from past associations in the woodshed.

Doc Krone is grooming another heavyweight to meet Willard after Dempsey gets through with him. The only man Willard will need to meet after the bout is a doctor armed with a pulmotor.

The high cost of prize fighting is showing all signs of coming down. Judging from a glance at the Willard-Dempsey figures of \$125,000.

UNLIKE OTHERS.

Ray Schalk, king of catchers, is nothing if not original. The White Sox mask-man signed his contract and said the figures pleased him and that he'd report on time ready for a great season.

THIS TALK NOT CHEAP.

Talk is cheap, but how about the statement made by Tex Rickard when he agreed to give Jess Willard \$100,000?

MOST GRACEFUL HITTER, WILDFIRE SCHULTE, SIGNS TO MANAGE BINGHAMTON CLUB IN INTERNATIONAL



FRANK SCHULTE.

The most graceful hitter in baseball—and that's what he was beyond any question—Frank Schulte, a veteran of the old Cuba and later with the Washington Americans, Schulte was given his release so he could assume the managerial reins over the Binghamton club of the International league. "Wildfire" believes he has had sufficient major league experience to qualify him as a minor league pilot and expects to keep Binghamton up in the front rank of the International race this year.

CITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Teams	Reserves	Won	Lost	Pct.
Tenn.	Dental	3	1	.750
C. H. S.	1	2	.333
Ben Hur	0	2	.000

COUNTY BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Teams	Reserves	Won	Lost	Pct.
Whitehaven	2	0	1.000
Capitville	1	1	.500
Collierville	1	1	.500
Neshoba	0	2	.000

Yesterday's Results.
Whitehaven 23, Neshoba 9.
Capitville 28, Collierville 6.

Al Mannau, who ran out on the Brooklyn club, has been made over into a new man, and he wants a chance to prove it.

AUGIE WINS FIRST BLOCK.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Algie Kleckher, three-champion, last night defeated Alfred de Oro, Cuban expert from New York, by winning the first block 50 to 48 in 13 innings. De Oro, from whom Kleckher won the championship a year ago, gave an exhibition of skill, making a high run of 8 in the 8th inning and taking the lead, but Kleckher quickly passed him. Kleckher's high run was four, while de Oro also had two runs of five and three of four.

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FOUR RACE MEETS ARE ANNOUNCED

Jockey Club Gives Out Amended Weight Scale.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Dates for four race meetings were approved by the Jockey club at a meeting here yesterday. They were: Bowie, Md., April 15 to 18; Havre de Grace, Md., April 16 to 20; Maryland Jockey club, May 1 to 17; Belmont Park, May 17 to 21.

The amended scale of weights was adopted and the following rule in regard to geldings was agreed upon:

"No gelding shall be qualified to start in any race closing 72 hours or more before the date of running, except handicaps and selling races. This rule shall not apply to horses gelded prior to Feb. 13, 1919."

These racing officials were appointed for 1919: Starter, Marc Cassidy; handicapper, H. O. Vought; placing judges, E. C. Smith and C. H. Pettengill; clerk of the scales, H. T. Homan; assistant clerk of the scales, Albert Burien.

LOOMIS STARTS WORK.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Joe Loomis, of the Chicago Athletic association, just released from the army, began work yesterday in preparation for the 12th annual games of the Millrose Athletic association, to be held in New York Feb. 28. Loomis said his army experience kept him in good trim and therefore he will need only the finishing touches to be ready for the Eastern contests. He will run in the 70-yard dash and the 70-yard high and low hurdles.

MURPHY BACK IN.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Charles W. Murphy, formerly owner of the Chicago National league baseball club, last night said that he had again acquired some stock in the club but not enough to carry control.

"I look for a great revival in baseball and I bought the stock as an investment," he said. "I don't think it's the public's business how much I bought or from whom I obtained it."

Murphy, under whose ownership the club won the league championship four times, said his holdings in 1912 to Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati. Mr. Taft sold out to Charles Weeghman, of Chicago, and associates, who still control the club.

PERMIT SUNDAY BALL.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 14.—The Maryland court of appeals has declared invalid the city ordinance permitting baseball and other athletic sports in the public parks from 2 to 7 o'clock Sunday afternoons. The court held that the ordinance was in conflict with the general Sabbath laws of the state.

S. I. A. A. MEETS IN NEW ORLEANS

Many Delegates on Hand to Attend Gathering.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 14.—Delegates from all universities and colleges are represented in the organization were expected to attend the meeting here today and Saturday of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic association.

Among the more important matters expected to come up for discussion was the one-year rule and proposed changes in the constitution of the association to meet after the war conditions.

Henry Phillips, of Sewanee, Tenn., is on the program for an address tonight on "The Relation of Athletics to the Faculty."

Read News Scimitar Wants.

ACES BANQUETED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Capt. Edward V. Rickenbacker, of Columbus, O., and Douglas Campbell, of Mount Hamilton, Cal., and Lieut. J. C. Davidson, of Washington, "aces" of the American air force, were guests of honor last night at the National Press club. The officers described many of their experiences in the war, and Lieut. Davidson told a vivid story of his capture by the Germans and subsequent escape.

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